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RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RE: FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS DISPOSITION PARCEL PB-9
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority", has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance to the hereinafter identified project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R056, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, State and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under said Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches has submitted a satisfactory proposal for the development of Parcel PB-9 and,

WHEREAS, Final Plans and Specifications have been submitted to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

- 1. That the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches be and hereby is finally designated as Redeveloper of Disposition Parcel PB-9.
- 2. That the Final Plans and Specifications for the development of Parcel PB-9 be and hereby are approved.
- 3. That disposal of said parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.
- 4. That it is hereby determined that the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches possesses the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and develop the land in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan for the Project Area.

- 5. That the Director is hereby authorized for in behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement and Deed conveying Parcel PB-9 to the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, said documents to be in the Authority's usual form.
- 6. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
- 7. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed disposal transaction in accordance with Section 105 (e) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including information with respect to the Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure (Federal Form H-6004).



MEMORANDUM

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, MASS. R-56 FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER AND APPROVAL OF WORKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS Parcel PB-9

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority finally designate the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches as the Redeveloper of Disposition Parcel PB-9 in the South End Urban Renewal Area, and that the final drawings and specifications be approved.

On August 9, 1973, the Authority tentatively designated the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches as redeveloper of Parcel PB-9 in the South End Urban Renewal Area, adjacent to the site of the proposed Derby Park. Parcel PB-9 consists of approximately 37,000 square feet located at Lenox and Washington Streets.

The Unitarian Churches' proposal for this site includes a Community Center, to replace the existing Cooper Community Center at 719 Tremont Street, scheduled for acquisition under the Campus High School Urban Renewal Plan. The program for the proposed Community Center includes meeting rooms, counselling programs, a health clinic, a day care-nursery school and other community services. The total area of the building, on two floors, is approximately 12,500 square feet, at an expected development cost of approximately \$400,000.

The final drawings and specifications submitted by the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches have been reviewed and approved by the Authority's Urban Design Department.

I, therefore, recommend that the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches be finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel PB-9 in the South End Urban Renewal Area, and that the final working drawings and specifications be approved.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

